

Birch Cliff Public School

Council Meeting Minutes: May 15, 2024

Committee Attendees: Richelle Wheeler (Chair), Glenn Kremp (Co-Chair/Safety), Chris Borycheski (Treasurer),

Parent Representatives: Robynne McKinlay, Sarah Hall Turnbull, Megan Evans, Alyssa Lioutas, Samantha Stermac, Kim Martin, Cory Megitt, Lynsey Kowalski, Shannon Howanyk, Lisa Giuliani, Kayla Nugent, Jess

Staff Representatives: Michelle Lipp (Vice Principal), Ms. Secher (Kindergarten Teacher)

Absent: Mrs Angelina Faraone (Principal), Pamela Van (Secretary), Amy Corcoran (Community Liaison)

Agenda

6:30pm - Welcome

6:35pm- Vice Principal Michelle Lipp

- Staffing Update: The school is not losing ½ a teacher.
- EQAO is underway.
- Many Kids are wanting to leave school property (grade 7/8) and are flooding the office with requests for phone calls to parents for permission to leave the property. The office is requesting parents to send notes with kids.
- Caribana Mid June Celebration as well as recognizing Pride, and Indigenous Heritage Day/Month. Mr. Milley will raise the flag on May 31st.
- Trips: Movie - Inside/Out (Health Trip) and the Toronto Zoo
- Kindi Welcome To FDK Evening (May 22) 6pm – 7pm
- Council Will Attend To Setup A Table at Kindergarten Evening.
- Long Weekend (May 20 – No School)
- New communication method since newsletters are too wordy. TDSB Connects – an App will be used to streamline communications and also features a calendar.

6:45pm - Review Of Minutes

- Meeting Minutes need to be sent out for approval (technical glitch).

6:50pm - Chris - Treasurer Update

- Budget: projecting 70k total.
- 55k in budgeted spends.
- Parent's Night Out raised approx. 3K.

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7:10pm - Teacher Update: Ms Secher

- East Conference Track & Field meet this past Monday. 88 BCPS Students competed at Birchmount. A great day with lots of Top 4 finishers.
- 30-40 Athletes go to the conference finals on June 4. City finals are on June 11.
- 14 Grade 7/8s are going to Ashbridges Bay on May 16th to compete in a Beach Volleyball tournament. This is the end of volleyball for the grade 8 students – their last hurrah!
- Ultimate Frisbee for the Grade 7/8's. Tryouts began May 14th and May 15th. Tournament dates TBD.
- Senior Girls Slo-Pitch team this year. Tournament date is Tuesday after the long weekend and BCPS is hosting. Team will be coached by Mme. Marshall.
- Dance Troop and Lip Syncing are still ongoing by Mme. Ristuccia.
- Jump Rope for Heart for K-8 Students and Hoops for Heart 3 on 3 basketball is May 23rd with a raindate for May 24th. Freezies supplied by SAC.
- Primary Track day for Grade 1-3 on June 13, Kindergarten students will be in the afternoon. Grade 7/8's will assist in running the event.
- Final activity for all students in K-7 will be a play-day in the afternoon from 1pm-3pm in on June 24th. Activities will be run by Grade 7's throughout the field. A Play-Day Passport will be given, and all students will be encouraged to try all activities. SAC to provide freezies.
- Kindergarten Grad is Friday June 21 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

7:15pm - Richelle

- Communications Chair Update – Kim has requested to step down from Communications and in the interim, Cory and Lynsey have taken on the role to assist. The SAC thanks Kim for all her hard work and experience given over the years. It has been very much appreciated.

7:25pm - Alyssa Lioutis - Funfair Update

- We are good for volunteers.
- Chalk and Bubbles need to be purchased.
- Sharpies / Pens needed to be purchased.
- A firetruck will come to fill the dunk tank.
- Inventory setup needed for Square App (Sarah to setup).

7:30 - Kayla Nugent:

- Food and Security - some families need help.

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- BC could potentially partner with Suman Roy @ Feed Scarborough
There is a possibility of starting in September - Monthly competitions based on food bank needs (cereal, pasta, etc). Whichever classroom has the most, would win a pizza party (funding from SAC).
- Kim: Bluffs Food Bank has had a long relationship with our school as well – should look into them as well.
- Spinning the idea for next year: Possibility of a Charitable Sub-Committee throughout the entire year.

7:35pm – Lynsey / Cory (Communications)

- Created a new SAC Gmail account (sacbirchcliff@gmail.com).
- Migrated Mailchimp to use the new SAC Gmail.
- Lynsey and Cory will schedule emails to go out.
- Starting to use Google Drive on the SAC Gmail Account (putting Meeting Minutes, documents and procedures there, stock images for email blasts, etc).
- Started using the Google Calendar on the SACBirchCliff Gmail to organize all communication schedules and a simple link is easy for any of us to see what's scheduled.
- Parents of Birch Cliff Facebook Page is now in the neighbourhood groups (Birch Cliff Community Group which has 6200 Members and Clairlea and Oakridge Neighbourhood Group which has 1100K Members).

7:40 - Richelle

- Kindergarten Garden is coming
- Kindy Pamphlet has been revamped and will be included at Kindy night.

7:45 - Samantha:

- Blank cards to be purchased from Amazon for "Thank You" notes.
- Students can write thank you cards for sponsors for fun fair.

7:50 - Lynsey

- Fundraising money for other schools?
- Richelle: Fundraising for other schools needs to be transparent.
- Kim: We can sharing our Best Practices with other schools.
- Michelle: Identify a specific need - eg. 5 Chromebooks, iPads etc

7:58pm Meeting Adjourned